Annual Meeting and Program—

Sarah Bellamy will discuss the effect of art on social change at May 7 Luncheon

The program for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be presented by Sarah Bellamy, associate artistic director for Penumbra Theatre Company in St. Paul.

Ms. Bellamy has designed several programs that engage patrons in critical thinking, dialogue, and action around issues of race and social justice. Select programs include Penumbra’s Race Workshop, curated to accompany the Science Museum of Minnesota’s exhibit, “Race: Are We So Different?” and the Summer Institute, a leadership development program for teens to practice art for social change.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Ms. Bellamy holds a Master’s in the Humanities degree from the University of Chicago and is currently working toward her doctorate in Comparative Studies and Discourse in Society at the University of Minnesota.

Ms. Bellamy will highlight the activities of the theatre’s Summer Institute and will also provide a history of the Penumbra’s 36 years of participation in Twin Cities' theatre offerings.

Recently the Penumbra announced that it is resuming programming this spring after a very successful fund-raising campaign.

Art Section members exhibit their work at 1666 Coffman

The Art Section’s 21st Annual Exhibition opened Friday, March 15. The works of 14 section members are on display until April 10 along with those of guest artist John Stottlemyer, who opened his home to the Art Section in November for a photographic gallery tour. This year’s exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Norma Moe Olson, long-time UMWC member who was largely responsible for establishing the art show. Norma, a former resident of 1666 Coffman, died last year at age 97.
President’s Message

For the Board members who are so faithful in attending meetings and providing reports of their activities, my sincere appreciation. Thanks to our Vice Presidents for Programs—Susie Stinson, Mary Abuan, and Kathi Treston—and their committee for the detailed work of arranging luncheon locations, selecting excellent menus, providing lovely decorations, and taking reservations for events. For selecting such interesting Conversation speakers, I am indebted to Ingrid Lund and Ann Wise. Their selections for this year have attracted increasing attendance at our luncheons.

I would like to thank past presidents—Jane Starr, Barbara Cohen, and Cherie Hamilton for their guidance and knowledge. A special thank you goes to Secretary Barbara Cohen for her expertise in recording and distributing Board minutes. To Catherine Bell, Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, I offer my thanks for keeping track of our financial activities, providing reports, and preparing next year’s budget. A huge thank you goes to Dorothy Waltz for gathering information and producing a first-class Membership Directory and also for keeping me supplied with beautiful club stationery.

To Shirley Ferraro, Treasurer of Records and Dues, thank you for a wonderful job of maintaining the membership data and collecting dues. And, thanks to Membership chair Marlene Hernick and her committee for their efforts in welcoming our newest members and providing them with club information, also for reminding members to renew. A special thank you goes to Martha Arneson and the Scholarship Committee for reviewing the many applications and selecting our scholarship finalists. This job consumes a lot of time but the rewards are very apparent to those who attend the Scholarship Luncheon in October.

My heart-felt thanks go to Ginny Hanson, who produces such lovely newsletters from the information that I send her. Also both Ginny and Connie Van Valkenberg deserve kudos for the photographic record of our many events, as does Millic Woodbury, who minds our website so professionally.

To the leaders of our Interest Sections, I give my thanks for producing such excellent programs and for providing information for the newsletter. Last, but certainly, not least, I want to thank Marian Champlin for taking on two important club roles. She has chaired this year’s very successful fund drive and also, as Corresponding Secretary, she communicates with our members in time of illness and death.

Thank you all for your support this year.

With warm regards,
Kathy Ball

Upcoming Board meetings

Tuesday, May 7—Annual Meeting at the Town and Country Club begins at 10:30 a.m. We will elect new officers for the 2013-14 year and complete this year’s business. All members are invited to attend and are eligible to participate in the election. The luncheon and program follow at noon after the business meeting.

Tuesday, June 4—Joint Board Meeting. The outgoing and incoming officers and Board members will meet for a joint Board meeting at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room at Becketwood. All out-going section chairs and officers are asked to attend and reminded to bring three copies of their annual reports. New officers and section chairs will be introduced. Refreshments will be provided by Trudy Hoag and Susie Stinson.

A reminder from your membership chair

Please help us recruit new members. Inviting guests to our luncheons or Special Interest Sections is a great way to introduce potential members to our many activities. When they see all that we do, they can’t help but want to join us.
— Marlene Hernick, Membership chair

Nominating Committee report

The Nominating Committee, Jane Starr and Cherie Hamilton (co-chairs), Sandra Solem, Barb Burleigh, and Susan Fuller, met in February and March and have completed their work. Nominees who will stand for election at the Annual Meeting are as follows: President: Kathy Ball; President-elect: Catherine Bell; Vice Presidents for Programs: Mary Abuan, Kathi Treston, and Carol Lowe; Secretary: Barbara Cohen.

Knit and crochet for babies project

The Knit and Crochet Section is making and collecting baby blankets and baby clothing in newborn and preemie sizes for infants at the U of M Amplatz Children’s Hospital. Anyone can participate in this project regardless of whether they are members of the section or even UMWC. Items donated this year will be delivered to the hospital in late May or June. Gifts will be acknowledged for tax purposes. To contribute to the project, please arrange to deliver items to Trudy Hoag (ElfTrulyn@AOL.com), 763-593-5773, or any other member of the Knit and Crochet section. Trudy and several section members will be present at the May 7 Annual Meeting, so that would be ideal time to bring your items.
Interest Section News

Around the Campus—April 24 at 1 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Carl Jessen, Veterinary Historical Museum Officer. Tour the Museum and the Pomeroy-Alumni Student Learning Center on the St. Paul campus. Carpool to 1666 Coffman to ride the intercampus bus. After the tour we will meet at the Student Center to plan next year’s programs so bring some suggestions. Food is available for purchase at the Student Center.

Art—Note program change. April 18 at 10:30 a.m. Weisman Art Museum, 333 E. River Road, U of MN Minneapolis campus. Lunch afterward TBD. Emails will be sent with updates or call coordinators: Rolaine, 763-784-3401; or Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949.

Knit and Crochet—May 11: Fiber Artist Field Trip: Shepherds Harvest Sheep and Wool Festival, Washington County Fairgrounds. We plan to carpool from 1666 Coffman at 9:30 a.m. for an enjoyable day at this annual festival. We welcome guests to join us. Many of the vendors specialize in hand spun and hand dyed yarns. For information contact Dorothy Waltz, trip coordinator or Trudy Hoag, section chair. See the festival web site. www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org.

Non-Fiction—May 14: Please join us at noon for a potluck salad luncheon at Elsa Carpenter’s home. We will select our books for the 2013-14 year, so bring your suggestions for a book with you. All are welcome.

Our March 12 discussion of Hidden Power, Presidential Marriages that Shaped our Recent History was so interesting. What is amazing is that our own Tracy Moos personally knew both the Nixons and the Eisenhowers. Her late husband, Malcolm Moos, (former U of M President) worked closely with former President Eisenhower. Wow! We think Tracy should write a book about her experiences.

Restaurant Ramblers—Note location change, April 17. We will be going to The Lexington, 1096 Grand Avenue, St. Paul 55105. Telephone number: 651-222-5878.

Vagabonds—April 26: our good friend Mel Baughman will present his adventures “Canoeing the Nunuvat Province to Hudson’s Bay.” Location: Social Room, St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, 2300 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville. Refreshments at 7 p.m.; program at 7:30.

May 24: Change of program and location. Gil Ward will present “Seeking the One-Horned Rhinoceros In India.” Location: Social Room, Applewood Point of Langton Lake, 1996 Lankton Lake Drive, Roseville. Refreshments at 7 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.

To receive an e-mail with meeting information plus a map, contact Dorothy Waltz at 651-917-0930 or dwaltz@isd.net

Scholarship donations exceed our goal!

Many thanks to Fund-raising Chair Marian Champlin for her successful efforts in this year’s drive. Due to her efforts and your generosity we have exceeded our goal of $12,000. Donations from 126 individual members and the Modern Literature and Bridge sections amassed $12,236.38 for our scholarship fund. The following members and sections have made contributions to date:

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Help ensure your listing in the 2013-14 Directory will be accurate and up to date

Although many UMWC activities will be completed by June, summer for your officers and section leaders is a very busy time as we get the Membership Directory ready to print and mail. Please be sure that you have notified us of any changes to your address, phone, or e-mail. Send all corrections to Shirley Ferraro with the form and address above.

Do you have a different address during the summer months? Notify Dorothy Waltz.

Did you know that mailing a replacement copy of a Directory costs us $5 per copy? Because they are sent Bulk Mail (to save postage costs), the Postal Service will not forward them! This year we will be mailing the directories between mid-July and mid-August. If you will be using another address at that time, please send your summer address to Dorothy Waltz at dwaltz@isd.net, or to Dorothy at 1666 Coffman St., Apt. 313, Falcon Heights MN 55108. Thanks for your help in getting all our directories delivered properly.

Welcome a new member to UMWC

Please add her name and contact information to your Directory, and greet her at the next luncheon or section meeting.

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Corrections to the Directory

Keep your Directory up to date. Make these corrections and changes. Your communications will go more smoothly.

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Have a great summer!

Deadline for the September UMWC Newsletter is August 6, 2013. Please submit articles or information in typed or electronic format. Send to Kathy Ball, UMWC President, by mail: 2597 Fernwood Ct., Roseville, MN 55113 or by e-mail: kathyodyssey88@gmail.com

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